

Fair Tonight and
Friday; Colder.

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WICKERSHAM AT WORK ON REPORT OF LOMAX CASE

Attorney General, After Re-
viewing Evidence, Will
Advise President.

ANOTHER REPRIEVE NOW THOUGHT LIKELY

Injunction Probably Will Be Asked
If Mr. Taft Fails
to Act.

Attorney General Wickersham is today considering the petition for the life of Mattie E. Lomax, murderer of her husband, and already near death from tuberculosis in the prison hospital of this city.

The papers in this case did not reach the White House today. Before they are submitted to the President for consideration, the Attorney General will review them and will prepare a report upon which Mr. Taft will act.

May Be Delayed.

It may be three or four days before the President receives the recommendations of the Department of Justice. He has given his promise, however, that he will again consider the case if he is not able to review the case before the date set for her execution.

Unless the President should stay the execution again, Mattie Lomax is to die on the gallows on February 19. There are abundant reasons to believe that he will have the city of Washington from the gallows of hanging a woman, even though he does not find the testimony in her case extenuating enough for a commutation on legal grounds.

May Go To Courts.

Should the President refuse to interfere, it is understood that eleventh-hour court action will be attempted to prevent the execution, the question of obtaining an injunction being considered by counsel for accused. The application for the possible injunction will be based on the contention that no legal authority has been vested in any one in the District to execute condemned murderers.

Faint hope for the Lomax woman also rests in the decision of the Court of Appeals on the question of whether a jury in the District Criminal Court may qualify a first degree murder verdict by adding the words "without capital punishment." Arguments were made yesterday in the case of Arthur Johnson, colored, condemned to die on the gallows on February 14, and an opinion is expected to be handed down next Monday. Should the court decide that a qualified verdict is legal, counsel for the Lomax woman will take advantage of the fact in urging leniency for her.

Louis F. Zinkham, Superintendent of the Washington Asylum and Jail, declared today that he had not yet made any arrangements for the execution, as he has not received the death warrants.

Diverse Opinions.

Delay in transmitting the death warrants to Superintendent Zinkham is due to diversity of opinion among officials as to the legality of a hanging by that officer, and also the several reprieves granted in the case of Arthur Johnson, colored, condemned to die on the gallows on February 14, and an opinion is expected to be handed down next Monday. Should the court decide that a qualified verdict is legal, counsel for the Lomax woman will take advantage of the fact in urging leniency for her.

Under the last District appropriation act the jail and asylum were combined. The position of warden, who had been the executioner, was abolished, and Superintendent Zinkham was made head of the merged institution. By the terms of the appropriation act "all duties, discretion and power vested in the warden of the jail is hereby transferred to the superintendent of the Washington Asylum and Jail."

It is regarded as significant that Mattie Lomax was sentenced to death before July 1, 1911, when the act went into effect.

The delegation which will ask for Executive clemency for the condemned murderers will be headed by Congressman Caleb Powers, of Kentucky, who declares that she was convicted on "dangerous circumstantial evidence." Against the efforts of this delegation will be the adverse reports of Justice Dan Thew Wright, of the District Supreme Court, who sentenced the woman to death, and United States Attorney Clarence R. Wilson, who appeared as prosecutor at the trial.

WEATHER REPORT.

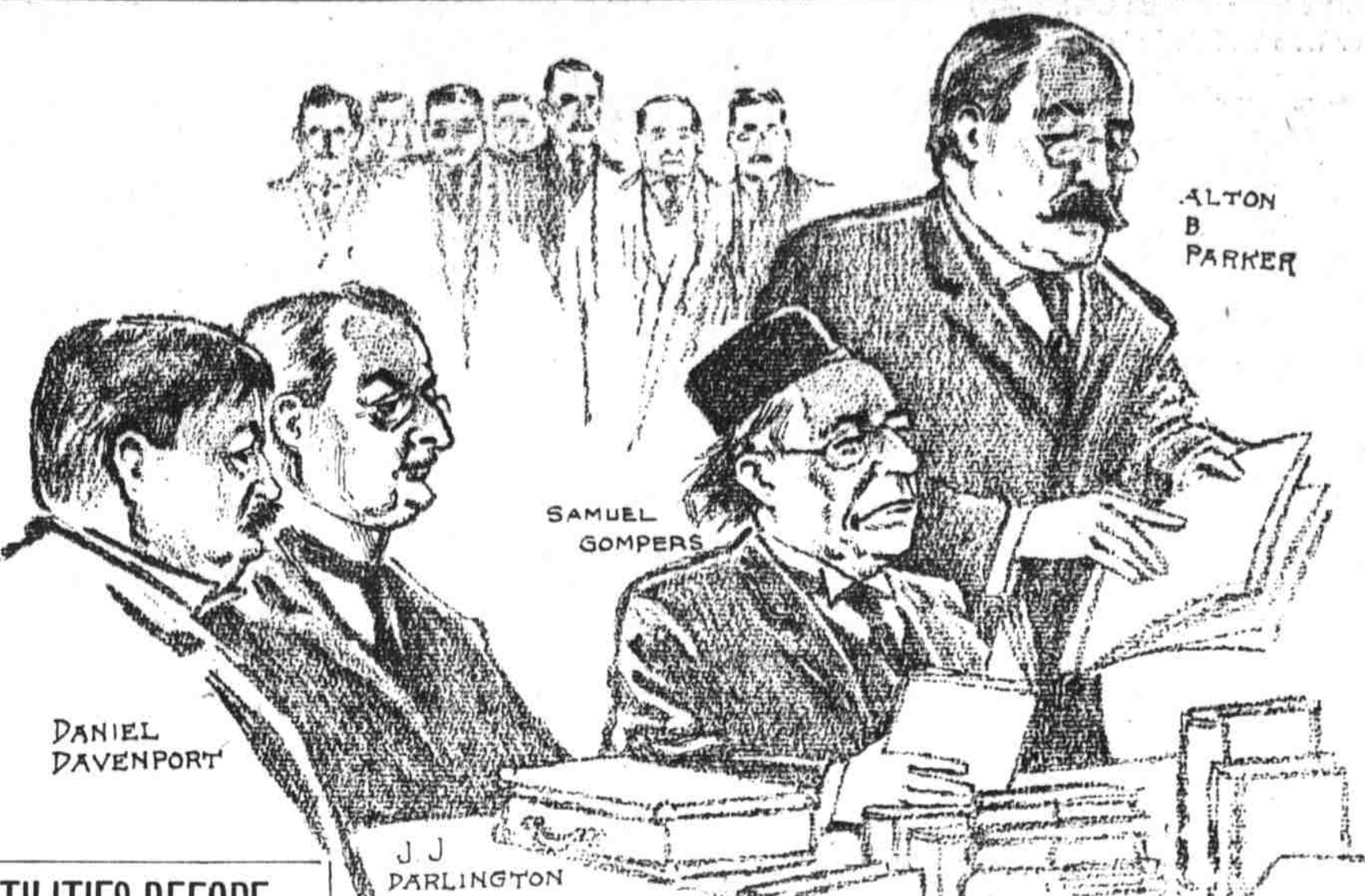
FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Friday; somewhat colder; lowest temperature tonight about 16 degrees.

TEMPERATURE.	
U. S. BUREAU.	AFLECK'S.
8 a. m. 27	9 a. m. 27
9 a. m. 27	10 a. m. 27
10 a. m. 27	11 a. m. 27
11 a. m. 27	12 noon 27
12 noon 27	1 p. m. 27
1 p. m. 27	2 p. m. 27
2 p. m. 27	3 p. m. 27

TIDE TABLE.	
Today—High tide, 12 a. m. and 12:24 p. m.	Low tide, 6:27 a. m. and 7:02 p. m.
Tomorrow—High tide, 12:15 a. m. and 1:14 p. m.	Low tide, 7:12 a. m. and 7:57 p. m.

SUN TABLE.	
Sun rises ... 7:00	Sun sets ... 6:21

Head of Federation of Labor, and Attorneys in Hearing of Contempt Case



UTILITIES BEFORE GAS CONTROL URGED BY COMMISSIONERS

Question of Purchase More
Properly With Such a
Board, Officials Say.

Recommendation that no further consideration be given the measure at this time, and urging first the adoption of the public utilities bill, the Commissioners sent to Congress today a report on the bill introduced by Congressman Bothermel, of Pennsylvania, providing for the Government ownership of the plants of the Washington and Georgetown Gas Light Companies.

"There are pending in the House and Senate bills for the control of public utilities in the District," the Commissioners say in a letter to Congressman Johnson, chairman of the House District Committee. "It is hoped and anticipated that Congress will enact a public utilities bill at this session. As a result of such enactment, the public utilities commission would be in a position to determine the fair value of the property of the Washington Gas Light Company. It is probable that as a result of the probable authorization of a public utilities commission, the price of gas in the District soon will be lowered. Considering the decisions of the courts in such matters, it seems probable that if it were desired by Congress to condemn the plant of the Washington Gas Light Company, a lesser sum would be required after regulation than before."

The Commissioners, it was said today, have not yet received from the Washington Gas Light Company a statement of the true value of its property, request for which was made recently. In an agreement made with the Commissioners December 8, 1910, a reduction below the 8-cent rate was promised after January 1, 1912, provided an analysis of the accounts for the year 1911, operating on an 8-cent basis, showed that the company could make a further reduction.

Inviting attention to a net corporate increase of nearly 10 per cent in the profits of the company under the 8-cent rate, the Commissioners suggested a further reduction in pursuance with the terms of this agreement, and asked for a statement of the true value of the property, so that the rate could be determined.

Under a letter was received from Joseph Leiter, president of the company, in which he said the statement would be submitted, but that some time would be required in its completion.

BOY BADLY BURNED IN FIRE AT HOME

Nine-Year-Old Harry Garner
Suffers Severely—Taken
to Hospital.

Harry I. Garner, nine-months-old son of William R. Garner, was badly burned about the face, hands and legs shortly before noon today, when fire swept the second floor of the Garner home, 124 Florida avenue, northwest. The child was taken in a police ambulance to the Homeopathic Hospital, where it was said his condition was serious.

The fire was caused by a lighted match being dropped in a clothes closet in the front room on the second floor. There were several dresses of thin material hanging in the closet and in a moment the flames burst out into the room. Little Harry was playing in the room at the time and his clothing caught fire.

Mrs. Garner, attracted by the child's screams, rushed upstairs, carried him from the room and smothered the flames that enveloped his dress. In the meantime an alarm had been sent in, but when the firemen arrived the flames had gained considerable headway.

The damage to the house was \$1,300, covered by insurance.

RESCUERS PIERCE TONS OF EARTH TO SAVE MINERS' LIVES

Sixty-five Men Are Buried
Alive In California
By Cave-In.

JACKSON, Cal., Feb. 8.—A hundred workers were today striving frantically to pierce the tons of earth at the Bunker Hill mine at Amador City, to rescue the sixty-five miners imprisoned there. Every man who can be utilized on the job, and frequent relays are arranged in order that not a single bit of energy may be lost, as the character of the earth about the shaft is such that another slide is feared.

The imprisoned men, it is believed, are alive and uninjured. By driving a pipe into the drift this was learned, and the men caught are directing their rescuers how to proceed. Their rescue is considered certain, unless another cave-in should occur, as they said they were using old timbers to brace up the workings in which they have taken refuge.

While the rescuing party worked feverishly to get the shaft reopened, the women and children of the imprisoned men gathered about the shaft weeping. It was finally agreed to drive them back, so they would not interfere with the workers, who labored all night.

The cause of the cave-in was the collapse of rotten timber, the Bunker Hill being one of the oldest mines in California. Because there were forty feet to be dug through today, the rescuers sank a number of pipes into the soft soil, and rigged up an air pump so the men might not die of suffocation.

Woman Tries Suicide In Police Court Cell

Turning on the gas in a wash room in the cells at Police Court, Florence Simmons, thirty-three years old, attempted suicide this morning, after she had been held under \$500 bonds for the grand jury on a grand larceny charge.

Policeman Hutton, who has charge of the cells, heard a peculiar noise as he was passing the door of the wash room. He investigated and found the woman tottering and just ready to fall to the floor. She stood with her mouth directly over the jet and turned on the full flow of gas.

The Emergency Hospital ambulance was called and the woman taken to the hospital, where she became unconscious.

Live on Dollar a Week.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—How to live on \$1 a week has been shown by two students who acted under instructions from Prof. Brubaker. Beans and peanuts furnished most of the nutriment.

Last Minute News Told in Brief

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

LISBON, Feb. 8.—It is feared that the loss of life from flooded Tagus river will be very large. A score of bodies are reported to have been found from the river, and it is feared that many dwellers in the lowlands were drowned in their homes.

KILLED IN HIS GARAGE.

MERIDEN, Conn., Feb. 8.—Adams J. Engelhardt, forty-two years old, was killed when an acetylene gas machine exploded in his garage. The report was heard for miles. Many windows in the neighborhood were shattered.

WASHINGTON MAN NAMED.

BUFFALO, Feb. 8.—John W. Harper, of Philadelphia, was elected vice president of the International Custom Cutters Association. Charles G. Volk, of Washington, was elected chairman of the employment bureau.

WILSON SAYS "NO."

When asked if it was true that he intended to resign immediately as reported in the West, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson said: "For the four hundredth time, emphatically no."

TWENTY-FOUR DROWNED.

VICTORIA, British Columbia, Feb. 8.—The trading steamer Tathra foundered off Ambryn Island, in the New Hebrides group during a heavy gale, and twenty-four persons were drowned including seven white men, according to the crew of the steamship Marama, which has just arrived here.

TROOPS IN MUTINY.

TIENSIN, Feb. 8.—Angered because their pay was not forthcoming the troops at Hu Chow have mutinied, and looted the native quarter. Foreigners were not molested, and only Chinese property was taken.

MORSE, SHADOW OF FORMER SELF, JOURNEYS HOME

Banker, Reprieved From
Prison, Makes Brief Stop
In Washington.

WILL SEEK RELIEF AT FOREIGN BATHS

Liberty and Burden of Shame of
Confinement Lifted, Former
Financier Revives Hope.

Charles W. Morse, the former New York banker, whose fifteen-year prison sentence recently was commuted by President Taft, and who was released from the Atlanta penitentiary, passed through Washington at 10:40 o'clock today on his way to New York.

From New York, as soon as he is able, Morse will go to Bad-Nauheim, Germany, one of the most noted watering places of Europe.

In the party with Morse today were his wife, his sister, Miss Jennie Morse, and his physician, Dr. A. L. Fowler, of Atlanta. The party left Atlanta at 2:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

In Seclusion.

The reprieved banker with Mrs. Morse, occupied a drawing room in the Pullman car "Lennox." Both refused to be seen or to submit to interviews. Miss Jennie Morse also denied herself to interviewers and all inquiries were referred to the physician, Dr. Fowler.

In view of the wide conflict of opinion over the case of Morse, Dr. Fowler was asked in detail today concerning his patient's condition.

Dr. Fowler declared that Morse never can be a well man.

"A man is as old as his arteries," said Dr. Fowler. "Mr. Morse is fifty-seven years old, but his arteries are those of a man of eighty-five. In my opinion he never will be a well man again."

Dr. Fowler's Diagnosis.

Morse is suffering not only from hardening of the arteries, or arteriosclerosis, but also from Bright's disease, and from that valvular affection of the heart known to physicians as mitral stenosis.

Excitement or any shock Morse must avoid. For that reason the conjectures that he will return to New York, regain his health, and then hear down on Wall Street and punish his old enemies seem to have no serious foundation in fact.

Dr. Fowler gives it as his firm belief that Morse would have died in a short time had he remained in prison. Since he has been released there has been a natural reaction. With the worry of prison life removed from his mind, with the burden of adversity lifted, Morse has recuperated wonderfully.

Walked Some In Car.

Morse was taken to the train at Atlanta on a wheel chair. He was helped aboard, but was not carried. He went to his drawing room and walked about a little while. He walked for a short distance down the aisle. A report has been made that he was smoking a cigar, but he does not smoke. Mr. Morse, though worn and weary, was smiling.

Morse complained of fatigue on the trip. He spent most of today lying down. He is kept on a diet. He can eat only fatty or starchy foods, but is allowed red meat, fish, oysters, chicken, and similar foods.

Within the last few days Morse has had an attack of cardiac dyspnea. This is the result of weak heart action. The attack was not severe.

Morse kept himself shut in his drawing room while his car stood at the Union Station. He arrived from the South at 10:40 o'clock and went on to New York in about twenty minutes.

Weds Again.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Mrs. Julia E. Crosselman-Selby-Selby, Thompson, three times wife of "Kid McCoy," the fighter, has been married here to George A. Wheelock, a former bookmaker.

PARKER WILL NOT DEFEND UNIONISTS

New York Lawyer Denies Report
Indianapolis Men Re-
tained Him.

A dispatch from Indianapolis today stated that Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, now defending the officers of the American Federation of Labor in the contempt proceedings here, had been retained to defend some or all of the labor men known to have been indicted by the Federal grand jury in Indianapolis Tuesday. Judge Parker, however, denies this flatly.

"I have not been retained in connection with any Indianapolis matter," said he, "and speaking as an attorney I have not even heard of the matter before."

Judge Parker expressed the belief that the rumor arose out of the fact that he is now engaged here in Washington as counsel for labor interests.

REVOLT SPREADS AGAINST MADERO IN MANY STATES

Situation In Mexico Has
Become Alarming In
Last Few Hours.

ANARCHY REIGNS IN SOUTHERN SECTION

President Tries to Make Light of
Uprising—Uncle Sam Pre-
pares to Act.

The situation in Mexico has become alarming within the past twenty-four hours.

Today all dispatches from the south, press and governmental, tell of revolts breaking out in many sections of Mexico and of a general discontented feeling in many parts of the country.

In a statement issued today Madero attempts to make light of the trouble, but an additional statement given by General Orozco is in anything but an optimistic vein. Orozco admits that the state of Chihuahua is displaying discontent and the former famous rebel leader adds the significant sentence, "Permit me to reserve my personal opinion."

Judge Murdered.

Press dispatches from Mexico City report that violent revolts have broken out against the Madero government in the towns of Cocoyotla and Santa Rosalia. A district judge was murdered and cut to pieces in Cocoyotla and the mob shouted loudly for the Zapatistas.

Another dispatch from Mexico City announces that a serious situation has developed as the result of the demand made by a committee of former supporters of Madero that he dismiss three members of his cabinet because they are aiding leaders of the revolution. Madero refused and many influential men, including some of his staunchest supporters, are now openly opposing the administration.

Communication Cut.

Dispatches were received at State Department that Casas Grandes, one of the leading cities in Chihuahua had gone over to the revolutionists. The local authorities have declared against the Madero government and the federal troops as well as the officials seem to be in sympathy with the revolutionists.

All railroad communication between Juarez and Casas Grandes section has been abandoned and communication is difficult.

Conditions in Southern Mexico remain unchanged, the dispatches say. Law and order have not been restored and anarchy prevails. Brigandage is unrestrained and the Madero government seems powerless to affect the situation.

Just now, however, the greatest apprehension is felt by the Administration in Washington, over the rebellion in the northern states. Chihuahua is one of the most populous of all the Mexican states, and is most given to rebellion. It was there that Madero found his most important base of operations a year ago.

Ask Orozco To Lead.

Now Chihuahua has risen against the Madero government, and is calling upon General Orozco to lead an army against Mexico City. Support is being volunteered on every hand, and the fate of the movement for secession and independence is in the hands of the revolutionists.

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IN CONGRESS TODAY

SENATE.
Senate met at 2 o'clock.
Lorimer Committee continues its investigation.
Finance Committee continues steel bill hearing.
Senator Gallinger will introduce bill to regulate practice of dentistry in District.
Senator Cummins favors Bristol bill for civil service for municipal employees.

HOUSE.
House met at 10:30.
Congressman Clark of Florida attacked the Department of Agriculture because of its attitude in the Everglades land controversy.
A bill was passed authorizing the deficiency appropriation of \$1,000 for the Occoquan workhouse.
Senate resumed the army appropriation bill.
Stanley Steel Committee continued its investigation.
The Moss committee voted to begin an investigation of the Everglades controversy Tuesday.

White House Callers.

SENATORS.
Crane, Mass. Root, New York.

CONGRESSMEN.
Foster, Vt. Heald, Del.
Loud, Mich. Bates, Pa.
Pickett, Ia. Knowland, Cal.
Madden, Ill. Mahler, N. Y.
McCall, Mass. Calder, N. Y.
Mondell, N. Y. McCrea, Pa.
Tamm, Kan. Anthony, Kan.
Smith, Mich.